IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al. Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682 Group 3679

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LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 21, 2009, Applicants include herewith a replacement sheet for the "Amendments to the Specification" section included with the amendment of December 30, 2008.

 $\label{eq:consideration} \text{Consideration of the amendment on the merits is} \\ \text{respectfully requested.}$

Respectfully submitted,

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